IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2057M

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In the Matter of

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International Application of

Cunningham et al.,

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Perfumed Detergent Tablet

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-16 and replace with the new claims 17-32 below.

- 17. A perfumed detergent tablet, the tablet comprising a clay mineral compound and a heavy metal ion sequestrant.
- 18. A perfumed detergent tablet according to Claim 17, wherein said tablet further comprises a coating.
- 19. A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the clay mineral compound is present in the coating in particles having a size below 75µm diameter.
- 20. A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the tablet is a softening tablet.
- 21. A tablet according to Claim 18, wherein the coating comprises the heavy metal ion sequestrant, and more preferably a heavy metal ion sequestrant selected from organic

